











# Global VZU Preparedness Partnership

# GPP Partner Agencies: Update on Activities - December 1, 2016

# **Development of Documentation**

**Technical Proposal** - The detailed technical proposal is nearing completion, with two outstanding areas notably in terms of finalised indicative budgeting, and finalisation of the preferred funding model. The timeline for completion is by the end of December 2016. A **'Vision of the GPP'** and an **'Approach of the GPP'** document have been developed based on the technical proposal for external consumption by potential partners and donors. They are available at this link on the 'Agenda for Humanity' website. Talking points have been drafted for adaptation by partner agencies for internal and external promotion of the GPP. Drafting of a document outlining connections to other preparedness and DRR global initiatives is underway, at the request of donors. Secretariat and Steering Committee TORs and a Governance Brief are planned for development by end February and the GPP Operations Manual is planned to be completed by May.

## **Donor contacts**

**Donor letters** - The letters from the GPP Partner Principals to the donor community were sent mid-year, and replies received officially from two; Australia and Ireland. Some other donors and member states requested informally for more detail, and this has been followed up bilaterally. Technical level discussions have been held with; the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. Meetings planned with Japan, Australia and Sweden in December. Formal outreach to donors for financial support is planned to begin February 2017. The key questions donors raise in common are; what gap is the GPP trying to fill? How does the GPP link to other initiatives? Who can be supported and how at country level? These are being addressed in the documents under development.

#### **Partnerships**

The core agencies partners' meeting on Nov 22 suggested a way forward regarding partnerships. In principle the GPP is open to new partners, and where there are identified gaps in GPP skill sets particular partners who can fill those gaps will be encouraged to join. Likely future additional partners are IFRC and UNOPS, other partners currently in discussions include World Vision and IOM. Key proposed ideas:

- \* Donor Partners Donor partners providing USD 20-30 million (final amount TBD) to the MPTF hold seats on the MPTF steering committee on a rotational basis. The largest donor contributor holds a co-chair position on the steering committee.
- \* Country Partners currently are the V20 members, but can be expanded in future. Country partners applying for GPP support will supply financial and human resources to the review and programme phases based on national requirements and plans according to GPP supported diagnostic reviews.
- \* Core Partners current core team of: GFDRR, FAO, OCHA, UNDP, WFP. Core partnership requires a USD 50,000 annual input to the GPP funds. Core partners hold seats on the MPTF steering committee on a rotational basis. Core partner agencies apply for national support jointly with country partners.
- \* Functional Partners partners bringing skills to technical working groups at global level, e.g. organisations; IFRC, NGOs, UN agencies, etc. but also initiatives, e.g. Climate Risk Early Warning Systems (CREWS), Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI), or the Index for Risk Management (INFORM). Functional Partnership does not incur a financial cost.
- \* Implementing Partners contributors to capacity building at country level. Extensive list of possibilities; national ministries, private sector, academia, INGOs, NNGOs, UN agencies, RC/RC National Societies, etc.

## **Planned Meetings and Activities**

- 1. December 2016 Global Humanitarian Policy Forum, NYC. Presentation at workshop of GPP progress.
- 2. February 2017 Humanitarian Partnerships Week, Geneva. GPP presentation at Speakers' Corner.
- 3. March 2017 V20 Ministerial meeting. Manila. Regional Meeting for Asia Pacific.
- 4. May 2017 Global Platform for DRR, Cancun. Presentation of GPP at Side Event. Possibility to contribute to the Special Session on Enhancing Disaster Preparedness to be explored. Early Warning Event held prior to GP also.

## **GPP** management arrangements

As of November a consultant has been in place dedicated to GPP support, situated in the V20 secretariat in UNDP Geneva. This position is jointly financed by FAO, OCHA, UNDP and WFP with the World Bank supporting travel costs. Current planning includes advertising for Secretariat staff in Feb/Mar 2017, and bringing together of a Steering Committee by April 2017. Ad hoc technical meetings among all partners continue throughout as required.

**Fund Management** – pending further discussion a Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) model is proposed. The Steering committee of the MPTF is proposed to be co-chaired by one V20 representative and one donor representative. Members could include two additional representatives of the V20, two additional donors, and four Core Partner representatives, making a total of ten members of the SC. V20 representatives, core partners and major donors (where there are more than can serve at one time) will serve on a rotational basis.

The Steering committee is proposed to select from country applications for financial and technical support, the GPP will focus initially on 15 countries during the first 2 years, with the intention of scaling up to 50 vulnerable countries over time. The selection of countries will be based on: 1 - **Written commitment** to provide financial and human resources to meet the preparedness objectives, and clear evidence of relevant ministerial buy-in. 2 - **High multi-hazard vulnerability**, including risk of changing climate, and compounding risks and vulnerabilities. 3 - **Emerging or imminent hazards** for which preparedness needs to be scaled up. Funding and technical support proposals should be requested jointly by the Ministry of Finance of an eligible country with core partner agencies, and be based on the findings of the GPP-supported readiness assessment for the country.

## **Proposed Timeline for GPP**

2016	November	Documentation including; Vision, Approach, Boundaries, Definitions, Partnership Principles.
2016	December	Steering Committee Structure Established, Final Partnership Model Defined and final Proposal Doc.
2017	January	Finalised Indicative Budget (2 year, 5 year), Fund Management System and Technical Working Group Structure defined, Secretariat TORs.
2017	February	Fund Established and Technical / Operations Framework drafted. Secretariat financing for initial year secured.
2017	March	Secretariat Recruiting Begins
2017	April	SOPs for funding application finalised
2017	May	Operations Manual Finalised, Secretariat recruiting complete, Fund at \$ level required by budget, Official Launch of country selection process at Cancun
2017	June	First National Applications
2017	July	First full diagnostic reviews able to begin